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IRAQI LEADER WARNS OF COUNTER-ACTION IF NASSER INTERVENES IN JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Israel circles today welcomed a warning by General Abdul Karim el-Kassem of Iraq, who has announced that United Arab Repbublic intervention in Jordan would result in Iraqi counter-action.

United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who has in the past spoken out against Jordan and against Israell's demand for a summit meeting between him and Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, has stepped up his double-barreled attacks against the two countries since his return from recent attendance at the United Nations General Assemlly in New York. It was at that Assembly session that Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, reiterated Israel's request for immediate peace negotiations with the UAR and with any or all hostile Arab governments, "without any pre-conditions."

Political observers here recalled today that, in the past year, Israel has also warned that it could not remain passive if foreign intervention were to change the status quo in Jordan. General Kassem issued his warning after Nasser again brought Jordan into his speeches, which he has been making at various large gatherings in Syria in the last few days. In these speeches, the also rejected Israel's demand for a summit conference as "a proposal aimed only at deceiving world opinion."

(At the United Nations, this weekend, another Arab spokesman, Fouad Ammoun, of Lebanon, called Mrs. Meir's request for an Arab-Israeli summit meeting "a link in the chain of Zionist propaganda, worthy of Geobbels,")

ISRAEL MOURNS DEATH OF RABBI TOLEDANO, MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- All Israel today mourned the passing of Rabbi Yaacov Moshe Toledano, Minister for Religious Affairs, who died suddenly yesterday, at his home here, aged 79.

Flags flew at half-mast over all government buildings, the Cabinet's customary Study session was devoted to eulogies of the revered Minister, and all government and other civic offices were closed at noon, as leaders of the Government, from President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on, attended the funeral services for Rabbi Toledano.

The entire diplomatic corps Joined the full Cabinet and leaders of all religious communities in Israel at the funeral services held in the great Yeshurun Synagogue here. The formal eulogies during the services were spoken by Mr. Ben-Gurion and by Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Issar Yehudah Unterman.

Many thousands passed by the bier lying in state in the synagogue, and thousands of others joined the funeral procession to the burial grounds atop Har Hamenuchot, where the late Minister's remains were laid to rest.

Rabbi Toledano, who, in addition to being Sephardic Chief Rabbi at Tel Aviv was also head of that city's Rabbinical Center, was named Minister for Religious Affairs in 1958, after the religious parties had withdrawn from the coalition Cabinet because of a disagreement over the "Who's a Jew?" issue.

Born in Tiberias, Rabbi Toledano studied at the yeshiva in that city. During World War I, he was exiled to Gorsica, because of his French citizenstip. He was a member of the chief rabbinate of Tangler from 1926 to 1929, then served as chief Justice of the rabbinical courts in Cairo and Alexandria until 1939. He was appointed chief rabbi of Tel Aviv in 1942.

An authority on Maimonides, the medieval Jewish physician and religious philosopher, Rabbi Toledano served as chairman of the supervisory commission for the reconstruction of the tomb of Maimonides in Tiberias. He was a prolific writer and the author of many scholarly works.

Rabbi Toledano was the center of public attention in Israel several months ago, when he married a 25-year-old divorcee, the daughter of an immigrant rabbi from Morocco. He was again the center of a political controversy, last month, when it was disclosed that he had never relinquished his French citizenship, even after assuming his Cabinet post. Rabbi Toledano's death was believed likely here to create political activity in various quarters, including the Chief Rabbinate, the Cabinet, and among the religious parties.

EISENHOWER SEES ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC AIDING U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS
NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower tonight greeted the American
tour of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra as a contribution toward the strengthening of
Israeli-American relationships. The Philharmonic opened its seven-week program of
North American appearances at a gala concert at the Metropolitan Opera House here

tonight,

"I hope the tour of the United States, arranged under the auspices of the AmericaIsrael Cultural Foundation, will be highly successful," Mr. Eisenhower stated in a
letter to Samuel Rubin, president of the Foundation. "I know," Mr. Eisenhower continued, "it will bring much enjoyment to those individuals privileged to hear the orchestra, and I am certain it will be helpful in further strengthening the relationships between

The opening concert, given under the patronage of Israel's Foreign Minister, Mars. Golda Meir, marked the New York debut of Carlo Maria Giulini, musical director of the tour. The program included numbers by von Weber, Stravinsky and Brahms, and the American premiere of "Two Symphonic Movements from Psalm" by the young Israeli composer, Noam Sheriff.

the two countries."

Among those attending the concert were Adlai Stevenson; former Senator Herbert H. Lehann; Senator Jacob K. Javits; Levi Eshkol, Israeli Finance Minister; Aryeh Manor, Israel Minister for Economic Affairs; Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Leonard Bernstein; Dr. Josef Krips, who will conduct the second New York concert as well as five others on the tour; Dr. Nahum Goldman, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Billy Rose, who recently made a million-dollar gift of sculpture to Israel; Jacques Lipschitz, Martha Graham, Robert S. Benjamin, Arthur Krim, Richard Tucker, Curtis Roosevelt and Abe Stark, president of the City Cuncil of New York.

Co-sponsor of the American tour of the orchestra, with the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, is the J.M. Kaplan Fund, Inc. The tour is under the management of S. Hurok.

Following the performance, 1,000 persons attended a formal supper ball in the Hotel Astor, at which the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Kaplan. William Mazer was chairman of the sponsors committee for the premiere performance and ball.

The Israel Philharmonic will play two additional performances in New York tomorrow and Tuesday evening, at Carnegie Hall. The first week will be concluded with performances in Baltimore on Thursday, and on Saturday at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Eisenhower is honorary chairman of the Washington performance, which will be followed by a diplomatic ball at the Mayflower Hotel, given by Ambassador Harman.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY LAUDS U.J.A. AID TO WORLD'S NEEDY

ROME, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- James Zellerbach, United States Ambassador to Italy, last night lauded the welfare programs supported by the United Jewish Appeal as helping to "transmit to the needy the message that the American people are their friends." Ambassador Zellerbach was guest speaker at a dinner here given by the Joint Distribution Committee, in honor of members of the 1960 United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, who arrived here last week for five days of briefings before proceeding to Israel,

Renzo Levi, vice-president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, traced the history of JDC aid to the Rome Jewish community. The JDC, he said, helped bring life and hope to Italy's stricken Jews even before the end of the Second World War. Aid by the JDC did not cease with the end of the war, Mr. Levi said, but continued long after when the welfare agency stepped in to help Egyptian refugees arriving in Italy during the Sinai campaign crisis in 1956.

Charles Jordan, overseas director of the JDC, in a report on the agency's activities since the end of the war, noted that "because of this unstituting generosity, Western European Jewry was on the way toward re-establishment on a firm, healthy basis." UJA national chairman Frederick Forman expressed appreciation for JDC's accomplishments, and pledged continued support of the agency's program.

ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENTS RIOT IN ROME JEWISH QUARTER, JEWS FIGHT BACK

ROME, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- About 100 students, led by neo-fascist agitators, staged anti-Semitic demonstrations Saturday in Rome's Jewish quarter. The police arrested several students.

The riot started when a Communist party truck campaigning for the November elections passed by the Jewish section. The students shouted insults against the Communists and the Jews. Fist fights broke out between the students and several Jewish shopkeepers. Some persons were injured when police in Jeeps broke up the student groups.

HITLER YOUTH LEADER FORMS NEW NEO-NAZI 'UNITED FRONT' IN GER MANY

COBURG, Germany, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A new, neo-Nazi "united front" has been formed here, it was learned here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Friedrich Klein, former Hitler Youth Organization leader, admitted formation of the new grouping to the J.T.A., saying the title of the right-wing "umbrella" association is the "Union of Organizations Loval to the People."

Klein recently inherited the neo-Nazi leadership mantle of the late Karl Priester, of Weisbaden, whom city police and state authorities called the head of an international neo-fascist movement. A police raid on Priester's home last May disclosed evidence which, according to the authorities, uncovered an international fascist ring with connections in Arab countries as well as in the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada and Australia,

Klein had been Priester's principal aide in attempting to convene a congress here last spring, under the banner of the so-called "Emergency Union of Organizations loyal to the Reich." The meeting was called off after police authorities indicated they might raid the convention, if it were to be held.

TWO SACHSENHAUSEN CAMP GUARDS GIVEN LIFE TERMS FOR MASS MURDERS

DUSSELDORF, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Two former SS guards at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the murder of camp inmates. A third man was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for having aided in the killings. The verdicts were handed down after a three-week trial here.

The life sentences were given to Otto Boehm, convicted of murdering 43 persons, most of them Jews, and to August Hoehn, found guilty of murdering six Russian prisoners and of complicity in the murder of 343 other camp inmates. These were the severest penalties that the court was empowered to give, as there is no death penalty in West Germany. The third man, who received a five-year sentence for complicity in the murders of 510 prisoners, is Horst Hempel.

'DEATH-BATH INVENTOR,' KILLER OF 1,000, SLATED FOR EARLY TRIAL

ANSBACH, Germany, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Karl Chmielewski, former commander of a branch of the infamous Mauthausen concentration camp, will go on trial here early in 1961, on charges of having murdered at least 100 persons, the local Jury Court announced here today.

Although Chmielewsky is charged with 100 deaths, evidence in the hands of the prosector was officially said today to show that he had killed at least 1,000 persons. The 56-year-old former S5 leader was the "inventor" of the "death-bath" method, whereby camp victims were drowned or frozen to death by being immersed in cold water during the winter months. Herbert Junge, a former concentration camp prisoner and "kapo," will go on trial with Chmielewski as a co-defendant,

'EICHMANN OF GALICIA' CAPTURED, TRACED BY JEWISH INVESTIGATOR

BONN, October 16. (JTA) -- A Jewish investigator who tracked down Adolf Eichmann, also carried out a joint operation with West German police which resulted in the arrest of a former SS official, known as the "Eichmann of Galicia," it was reported today,

State Prosecutor Angiburger identified the prisoner as SS Lieut. Col. Richard Kokita. Hundreds of witnesses have given evidence of massacres allegedly carried out by Kokita in Poland.

Kokita was tracked down by Israeli agents, following a clue provided by a former British war crimes officer. They found Kokita under a false name in Hamburg, where he had been earning a living playing a violin in a night club.

85 PERCENT OF GERMANS SAY THEY DO NOT WANT ANOTHER HITLER

BONN, Oct. 16, (ITA) -- More than eight out of ten West Germans say they do not want to see a .man like Hitler in power again. This fact emerged here toky from a public opinion poll carried out in August, now published in a government bulletin,

Five percent of those questioned, favored having another Hitler, 85 percent did not, and 10 percent refused comment. The same question was asked in 1958. Since then, the proportion of men desiring another Hitler declined from 14 percent to six percent, and for women, from six percent to four percent.

Most of those favoring another Hitler are between 30 and 50 years old. The number of Nazis brought to trial in the German courts during the past two years, and the swastika-smearing epidemic early this year, were said to have something to do with this hardening of public opinion.

LABEL KATZ REJECTS FORMATION OF NEW CENTRAL BODY BY AMERICAN JEWRY

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Label A, Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, today rejected proposals that have been made for the creation of a new, overall, central body for American Jewry, declaring that the Presidents Conference, consisting of the heads of major Jewish organizations in this country, offers "the wiser alternative,"

Addressing the B'nai B'rith Council of Pittsburgh, here, Mr. Katz endorsed the principle of organic unity in Jewish life, describing the evolution of an American-Jewish central body as "a desirable and attainable goal," He warned, however, against "a formalized body with specific voting procedures which, however democratic in their intent, disregard the fundamental fact that there is no compulsory quality to American Jewish life," Instead, he said, "let us build on what we have--namely the Presidents Conference,"

Mr. Katz, who is currently chairman of the Presidents Conference, told the meeting here than an effective central body of American Jewry must be guided by several characteristics of American Jewish life. These characteristics, he said, are "the spirit of voluntarism, the denial of compulsion, respect for dissent, and a wariness of concentrated power." The Presidents Conference, he held, offers "a practical, pragmatic approach to the problem of Jewish unity,"

NIXON PRESS CHIEF REPUDIATES APPEAL TO 'JEWISH VOTE,' BLAMES EAGER AIDE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard M. Nixon's press secretary, Herbert G. Klein, this weekend repudiated his statement urging American Jews to vote for Nixon for the sake of Israel. The repudiation was announced in Los Angeles after the Klein statement caused a protest from three eminent Jewish leaders--Philip M. Klutznick, Irving M. Engel, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein.

Mr. Klein said: "The release referred to was issued in Washington by an over-enthusiastic campaign worker, without the knowledge of either myself or the Vice-President," Mr. Klein stated that Mr. Nixon "has consistently taken the position that there is no such thing as bloc voting in the United States. In addition, he has instructed his staff to avoid any appeals which would be directed toward a group with the implication that it would vote as a bloc."

According to Mr. Klein, Mr. Nixon "does not subscribe to the statements in the editorial" of the Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot, which was quoted by Klein in his controversial statement warning that a Kennedy election victory might cause the destruction of Israel.

N.Y. EDUCATION BOARD URGES FULLER TREATMENT OF NAZISM IN TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (JTA) -- One hundred textbook publishers throughout the United States were urged by the Board of Superintendents of the New York city school system this weekend to provide textbooks which more adequately describe "Nazi brutalities and mass executions" as well as other aspects of totalitarianism.

The request was made in letters to the publishers from Associate Superintendent Ethel F. Huggard, who is in charge of curriculum development for the Board of Education. Asserting that "serious deficiencies" in textbook treatment of Nazi brutalities have been widely criticized. Dr. Huggard cited in the letter a statement of policy approved by the Board of Superintendents on September 27.

The letter said that "an examination of a representative selection of textbooks in this field shows that some of them are lacking in adequate treatment of nazism, particularly in regard to Nazi persecution of minorities. While a few texts give satisfactory accounts, many would require substantial revision to give our students adequate knowledge and understanding of Nazi brutalities and mass executions."

SLAWSON ADVOCATES INTER-RELIGIOUS UNITY IN FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, today u rged Jews, Catholics and Protestants in the United States to "forge a new program for unity" to deal with the Communist imperialist threat, He pointed out that representatives of the Judeo-Christian tradition were now a numerical minority in the United Nations.

Speaking at the annual dinner meeting of the Westchester Chapter of the AJC, Dr. Slawson said that "any religious divisiveness or tensions" within the U.S. will weaken the position of the free world. He said that this divisiveness could arm the Soviets with "antireligious propaganda fodder" for use in the newly independent non-Christian countries.

JEWISH ECONOMIST, ROSENWALD ASSOCIATE, CHOSEN TO HEAD NEW SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Nathan W. Levin, economist, and for many years an associate of the late philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald, today was chosen acting president of the New School for Social Research here. Mr. Levin has been a member of the New School's board of trustees for 18 years.